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IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract of the invention as follows:

~~The invention relates to~~ Described herein is a DC/DC down converter which includes a synchronous rectifier, a switching element at its input side, ~~and an inductance at its output side.~~
~~In order to permit fast load fluctuations as well as to reduce costs and operating losses, it is~~
~~proposed to provide~~ and an auxiliary circuit which ~~comprises~~ includes an auxiliary switching element, an auxiliary rectifier and an auxiliary inductance, the auxiliary circuit being coupled to the connection between the synchronous rectifier, the switching element at the input side and the inductance at the output side.